Educational Empowerment of SC and ST Students

3041. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a series of measures for the educational empowerment of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students;

(b) if so, what are the initiatives;

(c) whether the old schemes which were discontinued have been revived; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per statement (*see* below)

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

The following Schemes are being Implemented for the Educational Empowerment of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Students

1. Scheme of Construction of Hostels for SC & ST boys.
2. Scheme of Construction of Hostels for SC & ST Girls.
3. Scheme of Construction of Ashram School for ST Girls.
4. Scheme of Educational Complex in Low literacy pockets for Development of Women literacy in Tribal Areas.
5. Centrally Sponsored Coaching and Allied Scheme for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
6. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Book Banks for SC & ST students.
7. Centrally Sector Scheme of Upgradation of merit for SCs/STs students.
8. Grants under First Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution.
9. Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisation working for the Welfare of the Scheduled Tribes.
10. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Metric Scholarship to students belonging to SCs and STs.
11. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of pre-matric scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations.
12. National overseas scholarship scheme for SC/ST students for higher studies abroad.
13. Central Sector Scheme of special education development programme for SC girls belonging to very low literacy levels.

Welfare Schemes for SCs/STs in Assam

3042. SHRI PARAG CHALIAHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state;

(a) the details of amounts/grants allocated by Government to the State of Assam during the perceding five years for the welfare schemes for SC/ST sections of society;

(b) whether these have since been fully utilised; and

(c) the achievement made in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The amount released to Government of Assam for various scheme for SCs/STs during last five years is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The grant is given to State Government only after receipt of utilisation certificate for grants previously released. In case the amount is unutilised the same is adjusted in the next grant released.